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Description, Pages

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

2-5,7-12

No: Claims 1,6

1-12

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

1-12

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

Industrial applicability (IA)

see separate sheet

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D2: WO 01/56347 (JOUAN; WAVECOM; KORDJANI) 02.08.2001

The document D2 (see page 8, lines 12-23; page 1, lines 14 to 20; page 9, line 21 2 to page 10, line 12) discloses a radio communication module.

This module is shielded and therefore is enclosed in a metall shell. A frame ("structure d'interposition") is provided on the underside of the module, providing the shell with a free rim.

From this document it is known to provide solder paste (page 9, last line, page 10, first line) on the rim of the shield before the reflow soldering technique.

Hence all the steps of claim 1 are disclosed in D1 the present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

- The same applies, mutatis mutandis, to the apparatus claim 6 which is therefore 3 also not new Article 33(2) PCT.
- Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-12 do not contain any features which, in combination 4 with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty or inventive step, see document D2 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

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Claims (amended)

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- 1. A method for providing a PCB (printed circuit board) with a shield can (1;11;21;31) comprising a metal shell with a free rim (5;15;25;35), said method comprising the steps of:
 - providing the PCB (12) with solder (16),
 - placing the shield can (1;11;21;31) on the PCB (12) with the rim (5;15;25;35) towards the PCB (12),
 - heating the PCB (12) and the shield can (1;11;21;31) to a temperature above a melting temperature of the solder (16),
- cooling the PCB (12) and the shield can (1;11;21;31), characterised in that the rim (5;15;25;35) of the shield can (1;11;21;31) is provided with an extra amount of solder (8;18) before the shield can (1;11;21;31) is placed on the PCB (12).
- 2. A method according to claim 1, **characterised in** that the rim (5;15;25;35) of the shield can (1) is provided with the extra amount of solder (8) by dipping it partly into a bath of molten solder (8).
- 3. A method according to claim 1, **characterised in** that recesses (19;29) are provided at the rim (15;25) of the shield can (11;21) before the extra amount of solder (18) is applied thereto; and that the extra amount of solder (18) is applied to the recesses.
- 4. A method according to claim 1 or 3, **characterised in** that the rim (5;15;25) of the shield can (1;11;21) is provided with the extra amount of solder (8;18) by a screen-printing process.
- 5. A method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterised in** that indentations (39) are provided at the rim of the shield can (31) before the extra amount of solder is applied thereto; and that the extra amount of solder is applied to the indentations (39).
- 6. A shield can (1;11;21;31) for electro-magnetically shielding an electronic component mounted on a printed circuit board (PCB) provided with solder, said shield can (1;11;21;31) comprising a metal shell with a free rim



(5;15;25;35), characterised in that the rim (5;15;25;35) of the shield can (1;11;21;31) is provided with an extra amount of solder (8;18).

- 7. A shield can according to claim 6, **characterised in** that the rim (15;25) of the shield can (11;21) is provided with a plurality of recesses (19;29), each recess (19;29) being provided with an extra amount of solder (18).
 - 8. A shield can according to claim 7, characterised in that each recess (19;29) is V-shaped.
 - 9. A shield can according to claim 6, **characterised in** that the rim (35) of the shield can (31) is provided with a plurality of indentations (39), each indentation (39) being provided with an extra amount of solder.
- 15 10. A shield can according to claim 9, **characterised in** that each indentation (39) is V-shaped.
- 11. A shield can according to any one of claims 6-10, **characterised in** that the shield can (1;11;21;31) is box-shaped with a flat upper shell part (3;13) and four downwardly extending side pieces (4;14;24;34) with the free rim (5;15;25;35).
- 12. A shield can according to claim 11, **characterised in** that the side pieces (14;24;34) are interconnected at adjoining corners; and that each corner is provided with a leg (20) that protrudes downwards beyond the free rim (15;25;35).

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